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"Why measure all your good in gold?" No rope of sand is wesker; "Tis hard to get—'tis hard to hold; Come, lad, fill up your booker. "Hast thou not found true friends more And loving ones more loving "" I could but say, "A rew-a few !" "So keep the Equor moving," "Hast then not seen the prosperous knav Come down a precious thumper? His cheats disclosed?" "I have-! have!" "Well, surely, that's a bumper?"

"Nay, hold awhile—I've seen the just Find all their hopes grow dimmer." "They will hope on, and strive and tru And conquer!—that's a brimmer." "Tis not because to-day is dark, No brighter day's before 'em; There's rest for ev'ry storm-tessed ark.' "So be it. Pass the Jorum."

Yet I must own, I should not mind To be a little richer."
"Labor and wait, and you may find—
Halloo! an empty pitcher."

A most curious and strange illustra human bosom is given in the history of man and wife now living in Maury County, Tennessee, within six miles of Columbia. And old couple who were nce happy and enjoyed life as much, perhaps, as it is possible for any married couple to enjoy it, live in the local-THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVING BOUGHT out the Drug Store opposite the Post Office are prepared to furnish their friends, and all who may give them a call with the best articles in their line. Everything usu-ally kept in a property, but have no children. They

eat their meals together dally, except when the old man is out hunting, at which time the lady of the house ening of the year, except one, they occupy opposite sides of the fire-place, chimney, and the other che wing snuff and growling to herself. Not a word

and growling to herself. Not a word passes. At about ten o'clock they simultaneously rise from the fire and go to bed in silence.

The exceptional day to this beautiful, harmonious life, is the 25th of December, commonly called, in this Christian country, "Christmas-day," when there occurs a regular old-inshinned fight between the silent twain. This is an annual battle, and, like other fights, is a contest for the supremacy of an idea. It was inaugurated in this wise:

Nearly ten years ago, on Christmaswhole country will bid him God speed.
At this very time also another grand enterprise of similar character is near its completion in a distant quarter of the world. The ship canal across the Isthmus of Suez has been ten years in progress, and it is now stated that it will be finished in 1871. Water has already been let into a part of it even before it is dredged to its fullest depth and some of the smaller gunboats of the British navy passed through it on their way to join the expedition to Abyssinia. More recently a small French vessel, and within a few weeks past, an English craft of moderate dimensions have crossed from the Medi-

contest for the supremacy of an idea. It was inaugurated in this wise:
Nearly ten years ago, on Chrisimasday, in the morning, the old man went out hunting for something fat for dinner. After an absence of about five hours, he returned with an animal of some sort, and slinging it on the floor, he triumphautly exclaimed:
"There, there. Betty, is a ground-hog for dinner." Betty turned the affair over with the toe of her brogan, gazed intently for two minutes, and then deliberately said:
"Faugh: it's a skunk!"
The husband didn't like this expression of opinion on the part of his be-

The husband didn't like this expression of opinion on the part of his beloved, but being a mild man, and anxious to retain the long standing good feeling between them, he contented himself with a gentle reiteration of his first remark. The wife again dissented. The husband put a little more firmness in his next reiteration. The lady became firm also, and even indulged in a part of subdued some of the internal and the internal a

French vessel, and within a few weeks past, an English craft of moderate dimensions have crossed from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea through the yet unfinished Suez canal. It is one hundred miles in length, and is already navigable without much hindrance for about fifty miles. The cost of the work now going on is said to be two hundred thousand pounds sterling every month, and the laborers engaged in its construction at different points mimber some thirty thousand. Its width is to be a hundred yards at the surface, and its final depth is to be surface, and its final depth is to be twenty-five feet, and it is to be capable of affording a transit for vessels of two pletted it will be the most important work of inter-communication which has been constructed in the Old World during the present century—perhaps even in all past time.

The near approach of the Suez canal to its completion should hasten forward the corresponding work of at least equal importance, that remains to be secomplished on this continent. The Panama canal will be a far less expensive undertaking. Its length will be less than fifty miles, even without taking advantage of the rivers of the istinus, and with the aid of these rivers it and I don't want to be confradicted."
But the lady contradicted. "I tell
you it is," and "I tell you it ain't," followed each other with increasing rapidity and virulence, until the storm
assumed the shape of blows. The man
pinched, and the woman scratched, until both became exhausted, and had to

til both became exhausted, and had to quit from sheer wearlines.

Next day, when coolness and reflection superceded heat and passion, both silently regretted the unfortunate difference of opinion, which left the head of the honse with half his beard and very little hair, and the lady with two eyes of anusual darkness; but they spoke not. No, both were to proud and guilty for that. They remained silent until a whole year had rolled around, Christmas-day again came on. While enjoying a cup of thick, bluck coffee and a greasy corn-dodger, the wife ventured to remark to the effect that they had been foolish a year ago to fall out

had been foolish a year ago to fall out and pound each other about so miserable a thing as a skunk.

"Yes," said the repentant husband, "it was darned wicked of us, and we oughtn't ha' done it; but you forget, that was a ground-hog and not a skunk."

EXCUSES FOR TRUANOY.—The officers whose duty it is to look after truant cividiren in Massachusetts often meet: with very queer and annusing experiences. Two cases of recent occurrence in Cambridge are related, in one of which a five-year old lad of Irish parentage, on being found in the street in study hours was asked by the officer why he was not at school. "Please sir." was the answer, "Mrs.— wanted me to Bet, that was a ground-hog and not a skunk."

Bet did not forget; she had reason to remember although the black eyes were all gone then, but she knew it was a skunk. The husband thought it was a shame for her to hold the opinion still, particularly when she knew it was a shame for her to hold the opinion still, particularly when she knew it obe a ground-hog. She knew it was a skunk—he knew it was a hog. She knew it was not at school. "Please sir." was skunk—he knew it was a hog. She knew different. The virulence again crept in, words waxed hot and blows followed. The scene of the former Christmas day was re-enacted to a nicety, and both went to bed exhausted, with blacker eyes in her head and sleen tnext day, and spent the year without speaking; but when the anniversary arrived the same scene was gone through with religious precision, and has been gone through with every Christmas since. The people fir miles around have become aware of these annual idioxyncracies in the lonely and peculiar pair, and look forward with much interest to the developement of the content of the same was a state of the period of a child who never charms away disease.

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them, and his hair has entirely disap-peared, owing to the yearly operations of her long fingers.

There are various opinions entertain-ed as to where the war will end, but the general belief is that the lady will use up the old man in a few more fights.

A LADY was reading to her five year old boy the story of a little boy whose father was taken ill and died, after which the youngster set himself diligentity to work to assist in supporting himself and his mother. When she had finished the story, she said, "Now, if pa were to die, wouldn't you work to help mamma?" "Why, ma," said the little fellow, not relishing the idea of work, "what for? Ain! twe got a good house to live in, and everything so mice?" "Oh, yes, my child," said the mother; "but we can!t eat, the house, you know?" "Well, ain't we got plenty yor know?" "Well, ain't we got plenty of things in the pantry?" said the young hopeful. "Certainly, my dear," replied the mother; "but they will not last long—and what then?" "Well, ma," said the little incorrigible, "ain't there enough to last till younget another husband?" "Ma gave it up.

An indignant wife recently visited an

An indignant wife recently visited an Indiana judge and solicited his author-ity in compelling the return of a truant husband. "But, my dear madam." and the bashful olbeial, "I can't make said the bashful official, "I can't make him come back." "An! what's the reason'ye can't, Yd like to know?" "Why, he is a freeman, and can go where he pleases." "An' can he do all that ye, say?" "Certainly: but then you canget a divorce." "An' allow him to go about with the creature when he pleases." "Yes." There was an expression of Indignant surprise on the woman's face as she inquired: "Was_ye eyer a mother, Judge? Did ye ever have any children?" The Judge thought he never had. "Then don't be after talking to me about a divorce," and she swept indignantly from the room.

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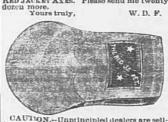
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